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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA ROANOKE DIVISION

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| WAYNE THOMAS JOHNSON, |) |
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| Plaintiff, |) Civil Action No. 7:06CV00502 |
| |) |
| v. |) MEMORANDUM OPINION |
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| SAMUEL EDWARD SPREHE, |) By: Hon. Glen E. Conrad |
| Defendant. |) United States District Judge |

Plaintiff Wayne Thomas Johnson, a North Carolina inmate proceeding <u>prose</u>, has filed this civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Johnson has also applied to proceed <u>in forma pauperis</u>, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

Court records indicate that Johnson has been advised on at least three prior occasions that he has "three strikes" for purposes of 18 U.S.C. § 1915(g): <u>Johnson v. Langley</u>, 1:06cv00221 (M.D.N.C., March 12, 2006); <u>Johnson v. Trader</u>, 5:05cv00250 (E.D.N.C. Sept. 28, 2005); and <u>Johnson v. Jackson</u>, 1:03cv00130 (W.D.N.C., Sept. 24, 2003). Therefore, he may not proceed with this action unless he either pays the \$350.00 filing fee or demonstrates that he is "under imminent danger of serious physical injury." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Because Johnson has neither paid the filing fee nor demonstrated any imminent danger of serious physical harm, the court will deny his request to proceed <u>in forma pauperis</u> and dismiss this action without prejudice, pursuant to § 1915(g).

The Clerk is directed to send certified copies of this memorandum opinion and the accompanying order to Johnson.

ENTER: This 24 to day of August, 2006.

United States District Judge